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Draft Directive Establishing The

NSC SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TECHNICAL SURVEILLANCE COUNTERMEASURES

On the recommendation of the National Security Council, pursuant to the provisions of Section 101 of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, the President hereby authorizes and directs that:

1. There be established under the National Security Council a Special Committee on Technical Surveillance Countermeasures (hereinafter referred to as the Committee) which shall act in accordance with the provisions of this Directive.

2. The Committee shall be composed of one representative of each of the following: The Secretary of State; The Secretary of Defense; The Director of Central Intelligence; The Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation; The Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence, Department of the Army; The Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy; The Director of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force; and The Director of the National Security Agency.

3. The heads of other departments and agencies (e.g., the Atomic Energy Commission) shall participate in the activities of the Committee to the extent required by the Committee in carrying out its responsibilities and shall lend such support as may be made available within their respective capabilities. As a representative of the National Security Council, the NSC Representative on Internal Security shall participate as an observer and adviser in all meetings of the Committee.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee:

a. To conduct a continuing study and review of the domestic and foreign aspects of the threat to the security of classified defense information of the United States presented by the installation and operation of clandestine technical surveillance devices in quarters or facilities occupied or used by personnel of the United States Government.

b. To establish and coordinate policies with respect to countering such threat, for the purpose of insuring:

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(1) Coordination, and a continuing exchange of information, with respect to research and development, technical equipment, security indoctrination and training (both technical and non-technical), search techniques and other related aspects of countermeasures to defend against clandestine technical surveillance devices.

(2) The establishment by departments and agencies of procedures to be followed upon the discovery of such devices, including prompt notification thereof to the heads of interested departments and agencies, as well as exploitation by the agencies concerned.

(3) Prompt notification to the Committee concerning the discovery or suspected presence of such devices, and a damage report on the extent and nature of known or presumed compromise of U.S. classified defense information, for coordinated consideration of the effect upon the national security.

g. To resolve conflicts that may arise in the implementation of policies relating to countermeasures designed to meet the threat described in Paragraph 4. g. above, with a view to instituting and maintaining effective coordination among United States departments and agencies primarily concerned.

d. To review the extent to which disclosures concerning clandestine technical surveillance devices or countermeasures thereto have been made by the United States Government to foreign governments or international organizations in which the U.S. Government participates and to establish policies and procedures concerning such disclosures.

5. The Committee shall meet once each month or more often as may be necessary to effect full compliance with the terms of this Directive.

6. The Chairman of the Committee shall be elected annually by majority vote. Other decisions of the Committee and policies established pursuant to the provisions of this Directive, shall require unanimous agreement of the members. Questions of policy upon which the Committee may fail to reach agreement in pursuance of its assigned responsibilities as set forth in this Directive shall be promptly referred to the National Security Council for resolution.

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7. The Committee shall submit annual progress reports to the National Security Council, and in the interim shall submit to the NSC any reports or recommendations respecting policy matters falling within the scope of this Directive which may require consideration by the Council.

8. Secretariat services shall be supplied by the members of the Committee.

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